## "IT WAS HELL."

### Terrific Fighting in Belgium.

### EYE-WITNESS' GRAPHIC STORY.

In the "Telegraph," Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett gives a long account of the terrible fighting around Dixmude in Belgium last week.

In a letter written on Thursday he says:—

"For the last two days the German army which has set free by the fall of Antwerp, which has set free by the fall of Antwerp, which has been reinforced by a fresh corps, which has received the same from Brussels, has been making the most desperate efforts to break through the line of the Yser, and to turn the Belgian troops and French out of the town of Dixmude.

"These efforts culminated yesterday in one of the heaviest and bloodiest engagements of the whole war—a battle which for grimness and dramatic effect it would be hard to exceed. No pen can do justice to the horror and grandeur of the scene.

**Object of the Germans.**

"Anyone who takes the trouble to glance at the map will see why the Germans have made the most tremendous efforts to break down the line of the Yser, and to turn the Belgian troops and French out of the town of Dixmude.

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